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Chapter 5 Postmodernity & The Moral Life: Hollinger, Dennis P, Feb 22nd, 2023

QUESTIONS

1. What is Richard Higginson's statement?
2. According to the author, what is one of the most neglected areas of justice?
3. What scripture indicates that the sphere of retributive justice is not in the hands of individuals or the church but the state?
4. What is retributive justice?
5. What is Meritorious justice?

ANSWERS

1. *Love and justice mutually supplement each other, that love needs justice, and justice needs love.*
2. *The role that family breakdown plays in poverty.*
3. *Romans 13*
4. *The form of justice focuses on what is owed to a person by his or her actions, efforts, and impact. Here there is impartiality in rewarding human effort, with a minimal focus on actual outcomes.*
5. *The aspect of justice focuses on what is due to a person when that person has perpetrated wrong. They focus on punishments and liabilities just in light of the suffering or damage that person has caused.*

TERMS

Postmodern: Hollinger defines postmodern as incredulity towards metanarrative

Metanarratives: The grand ideas or foundational constructs people use to explain reality and bring coherence to the world.

Logocentrism: The Western culture's love affair with rationality, meaning, and truth.

SUMMARY:

In the previous chapters, Hollinger addressed Modernity and the Moral Life. In chapter five, he focused on analyzing the case for justice. It examined the complex dynamics of the roles of individuals, the church, and the state concerning justice. The various types or forms of justice were discussed. Retributive justice was mainly about that aspect of justice bordering on punishing offenders. Distributive justice focuses on providing rewards and other resources to worthy individuals. The author asserted that justice was a significant theme in the bible that any parties involved could not overlook. Factors such as merit, equality, need, love, and freedom complicate the discussion about justice. Regardless, the call to do justice has overwhelming support from the holy scriptures and hence should be given proper attention by anyone who seeks to walk the path of good Christian ethics.